

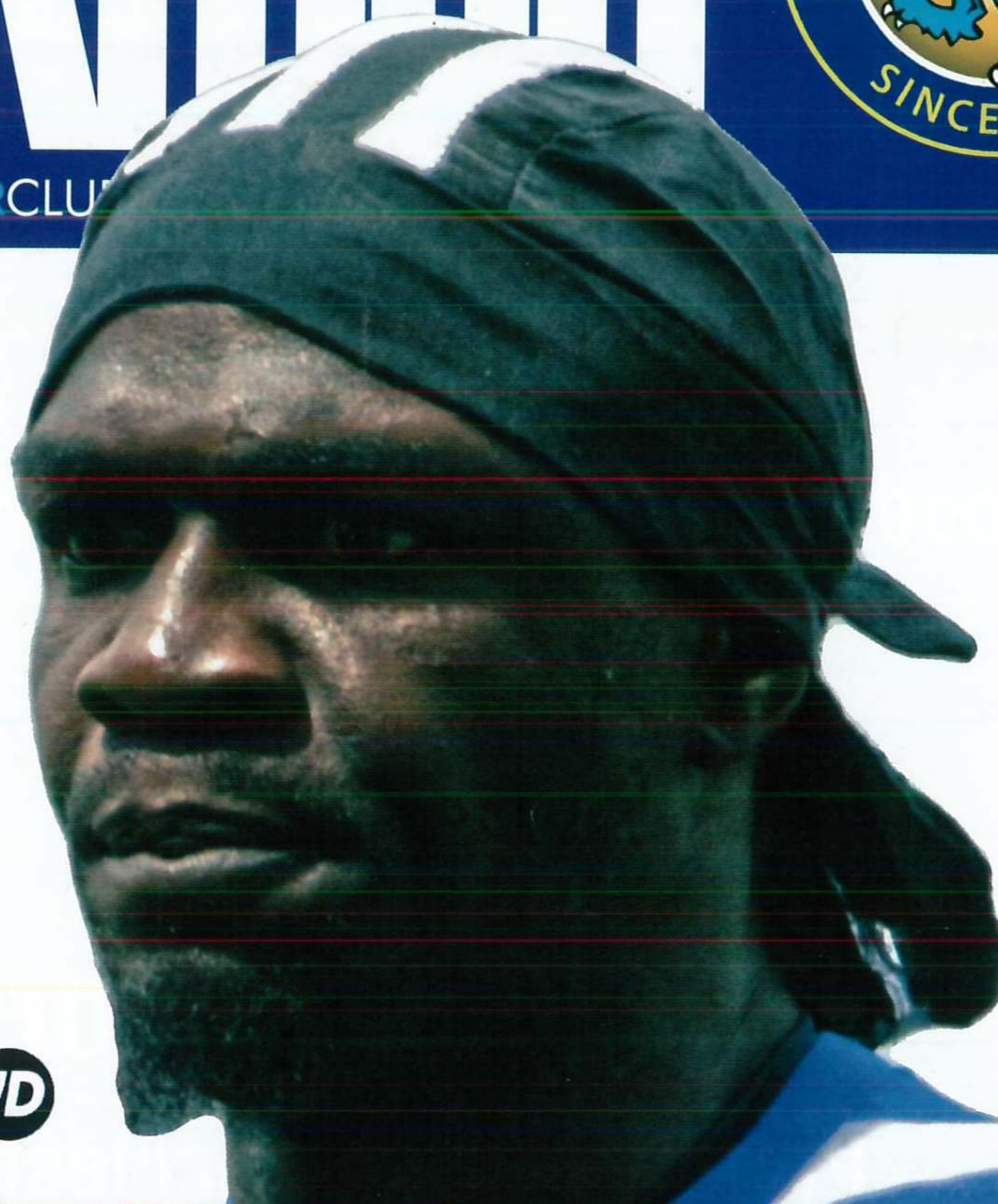
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Welcome back to the Moss Rose after what has felt like a long summer. It's been more than three months since Guy Madjo netted that spectacular winner against Cambridge United in the final match of the last campaign, but there has certainly been plenty of off field intrigue to keep our attention at the club.

There have been a lot of changes on and off the pitch, not least the appointment of two club legends at the helm. Today sees John Askey and Efe Sodje in the Moss Rose dugout, with John now permanent manager of the club and the welcome sight of Efe back in the Silkmen's colours.

They and their team will need all of your support over what could be a challenging season for the Silkmen.

Off the pitch too, the club is undergoing a transformation, and we have details of that in this programme.

But pre-season is all about enjoying a game of football whilst the players step up their match fitness ready for the big kick-off, so hopefully the predicted thunderstorms won't spoil the enjoyment of the Rochdale match, and we can all enjoy three entertaining games as we welcome Rochdale, Bolton Wanderers and Stoke City and their supporters here to the Moss Rose.

Directors, players and officials only

Picture courtesy of Ben Sutherland

Hello and welcome back to the Moss Rose after a long, busy summer. And it brings be great pleasure to welcome the supporters of Macclesfield Town, Rochdale, Bolton and Stoke in my role as manager of the club.

“Macclesfield Town have been a key part of my life for nearly 30 years now”

Macclesfield Town have been a key part of my life for nearly 30 years now, and I am very proud to have been given the chance to build a side here at a time when the club itself is building a new future. There have been a lot of obstacles to overcome both on and off the pitch, but as we take to the field in these three games we are totally focused no on preparing for that home game against Nuneaton when it all kick off again in earnest.

We welcome three good sides to the Moss Rose

for these friendlies, and all three will provide us with tough tests of the squad. Rochdale will be similar to Oldham at the weekend, in that it will be a very competitive match and will give us a great opportunity gain match- sharpness and also see how the trialists cope with that level of opposition. It's all well and good seeing them face off against lower sides, but you learn far more about their abilities in these sort of games.

The young sides from Stoke and Bolton will provide us with a different test. They will all have a lot of technical ability and will be very fit and in my experience, sides form those levels tend to play football, and try and pass out from the back. Our task will be to keep the ball well and also have the challenge of getting the ball back from some gifted individuals which will be useful experience for our players as we look to prepare for the start of the season.

Against Oldham, although I thought we played very well overall and created some good openings, it showed that the defence hasn't played together, and that organisation and understanding is something that comes as players play and train together. By the time you read this we may have one or two more of the trialists signed up and committed to the season at the Moss Rose. By the time we take on Stoke City on August 3rd, I want to know, or at least be very close to knowing our squad for that first game. Perhaps not actually playing that side in



FROM THE Manager

the game, but at least to have worked with them in training for a few weeks.

And as we come through these last games, we hope to have been able to have given everyone a run out. We've had a few knocks and bumps in pre season so some of our senior players haven't played, or have only had a short amount of game time. Of course there's no reason to risk longer injuries by pushing injuries further than you need to, and we're happy with the professionalism of the injured players, that they will have been keeping fit over the summer, but there's nothing better than getting out onto the pitch.

Hopefully you will enjoy these three pre-season games, and remember Efe and myself are going to need all of your support this season. You really can make a big difference, so get behind the lads and here's to a good season ahead.

John.



TRANSFER DEALINGS

A rundown of players who have joined or resigned for the Silkmen over the summer.

AGAINST ALL ODDS



As well as taking up the assistant management role at the Moss Rose, Silkmen legend Efe Sodje is also at the club in a playing role, returning to a Silkmen shirt for the first time since he left the club in 1999, going on to make more than 500 senior appearances as well as representing Nigeria in the World Cup.

JACK'S BACK

The first signature captured by John Askey after his appointment to the role of Silkmen manager over the summer, was that of winger Jack Mackreth, who had become a regular at the Moss Rose last season. The pacy, skilful player had won many fans at the Moss Rose over the previous campaign.

MACC LAD

Macclesfield born Chris Holroyd was also with the Silkmen last season, on loan from Preston, but the striker who netted a hat-trick against Stockport in the 4-3 win at Edgeley Park, has now returned to the Moss Rose on a permanent basis after his release from Morecambe.



CONNOR COMES IN

One new face at the club is Joe Connor, a defensive midfielder who can play at full back who was with Stockport County for the last two seasons, playing regularly in the Conference. He began his career playing in the USA and spent time last season on loan at Hereford. His dad, Jim, also played for the Silkmen between 1987 and 1991.

MARTIN STAYS ON

Central defender Carl Martin, who joined last summer after leaving Crewe put pen to paper on another deal at the club. The player, who can also play at right back, was a regular in the side before injury forced him out of the second half of the campaign.

ARTHUR'S IN

Striker Arthur Gnahoua also joined the Silkmen last summer and has signed a new deal with the club. The striker made his debut in the 5-4 defeat at Woking, and scored the Silkmen's fourth. He has also been on the scoresheet in pre-season at Kidsgrove.

STOPPER'S STOPPING.

Rhys Taylor has extended his stay at the Moss Rose. The former Chelsea 'keeper, who has League experience with Rotherham and Crewe initially arrived in January after the injury to Lance Cronin. He made the 'keepers shirt his own starting every game after his signing bar one after he was sent off against Luton.

YOUNG PLAYERS GIVEN A CHANCE.

Last season's three first year professionals, defender James Bolton, striker Jay Burgess and goalkeeper Andy Mills have all been kept on for a second season in the Silkmen's senior setup. Midfielder Paul Lewis and defender Josh Green have been given their first senior contracts after progressing from the youth team.

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CBB IN CHELTENHAM MOVE.

Macclesfield Town defender Craig Braham-Barrett has moved to Cheltenham Town on loan until January.

The player was signed by Steve King after a trial at the start of last season and made 45 appearances in all competitions, but was transfer listed by the club over the summer.

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The Silkmen Announce Carbrini Partnership

Macclesfield Town are delighted to announce Carbrini is to become the new Official Kit Supplier to the club for the forthcoming season.



and launched on Saturday 3rd August ahead of the new season.

Macclesfield Town spokesman, Andy Scott, said: "It's fantastic to have Carbrini on board with us for the forthcoming season. We have turned around two great looking kits and are very grateful for the efforts the team at JD Sports has put in to be able to get the new kits designed and developed in readiness for the start of the new season."

Guy Walker, JD Sports Head of Football, added: "Macclesfield Town is a great club and we are really looking forward to building a relationship with the club and its supporters. The two bespoke kits have been designed exclusively for the club and we are sure they will prove to be very popular with both the players and fans."

Following the reveal fans will now be able to pre-order the shirts ahead of the launch at the club shop on Saturday 3rd August, when The Silkmen host Stoke City.

The move will see a new look home and away kit, as revealed on Tuesday 23rd July

THE BIRTH OF A Community Club



The events of the past few weeks at Moss Rose have been covered widely by the local and occasionally the national media and one element of our plans that seems to have been well received by many is the proposal to make Macclesfield Town a true community club. Indeed, the transaction with Cheshire East Council that provided funds to support the club at a difficult time was predicated on a commitment to make the club a community enterprise.

The first important step along that road was the transfer of the majority shareholding held by current and past Board members to the Macclesfield Town Community Sports Trust, a registered charity, but work is now progressing to put a permanent structure in place that will provide a vehicle to allow the club to build for a future that could involve a move to a new community stadium.

Over the past few weeks options have been reviewed with the club's legal advisors SAS Daniels, who have provided us with great support throughout, with Cheshire East Council, the Trustees of the Macclesfield Town Community Sports Trust, the Silkmen Supporters Trust and most recently, in association the SST, with representatives of Supporters Direct, a national organisation with a mission to promote sustainable spectator sports clubs based on supporters' involvement and community ownership.

Our objective throughout has been to identify, from a range of possible

options, a model that would best meet the needs of Macclesfield Town Football Club. In the early part of the project it was important that the existing company remained responsible for continuing the business and for fielding the team in the Blue Square Premiership. The proposal to convert the existing company into a Community Interest Company (CIC), which would change the company's name and its Articles of Association, whilst leaving its registration at Companies House unchanged, therefore fitted the bill very well.

“Over the past few weeks options have been reviewed”

Further discussion has drawn attention to the benefit, recognised by all parties, of a mutual “one member one vote” form of ownership. The CIC model, whilst firmly setting the club clear social objectives and securing its assets for the community, is not democratic in the “one member one vote” sense as shareholder votes are still based on the numbers of shares owned.

The result of this debate has been to investigate the possibility of putting in place a structure that places the ownership of the club firmly in the hands of a mutual organisation whilst leaving its day to day operation in the hands of a limited company, preferably with articles consistent with CIC status.

This is actually a well-tested model, strongly supported by Supporters Direct and most recently adopted by Portsmouth. It's our intention to reach a similar end point as the South Coast club, without, of course, incurring the associated multiple relegations and points deductions along the way.

As in all things, the devil is always in the detail and the process is taking a little longer than originally envisaged. Fortunately, the current position is both stable and acceptable to all stakeholders. It does however place a burden of responsibility on the Trustees of the Community Sports Trust and I'm immensely grateful to them for agreeing to act in “loco parentis” for the club in the short term while the remaining governance issues are sorted out.

Finally what more can supporters do to help at this time?

The response so far to the Silkmen's problems from our loyal fans has been absolutely fantastic. To have sold as many season tickets as we have, many at full price, is a massive vote of confidence and has been enormously important to us both financially and emotionally.



People really care about the club and it makes it all the more important that we leave no stone unturned in our efforts to keep it alive and help it to thrive.

But we're only at the beginning of a long haul and we need our supporters to stay with us, particularly when we hit a bad patch, as we inevitably will. So come along to the Moss whenever you can and when you're here spend a bob or two if you can afford it in the bars or the kiosks. Support the 50/50 draw and buy a programme. We'll be working hard behind the scenes to make sure that every possible pound we can generate through off field sales will be put to good use.

Our member-owned objectives need to be matched member responsibilities and the actions of its members will ultimately determine the club's fate. So if you feel that you might want to join the small but happy band of volunteers that have been helping out in recent weeks then let us know.

And spread the word. Adding an extra couple of hundred to our home gates would make a massive difference.

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FROM THE Boardroom



Welcome to Moss Rose for a series of pre-season friendly games against Bolton Wanderers, Rochdale and Stoke City. On behalf of all at the club I'd like to thank our visitors for agreeing to these fixtures which I'm sure will help all the players on display to prepare for yet another hard season ahead.



This pre-season at Macclesfield Town is a little bit special for everyone involved with the club; special, simply because just a few weeks ago we were uncomfortably close to being unable stage any games at all. But fortunately, with the support of Cheshire East Council, we were able to manage our way through a very difficult time and it's a tangible sign of the progress we've been making in the last few weeks that we're open for business today and looking forward to a second season in the Blue Square Premiership. More detail on our plans for a new future as a community club is included elsewhere in this short programme but I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of the many people and organisations that have offered their support in our hour of need.

Our loyal fans have really stood up to be counted in the face of adversity, especially by showing their faith in the

“This pre-season at Macclesfield Town is a little bit special for everyone involved with the club”

future by purchasing season tickets in recent days and weeks. The revenue generated has made a real difference, helping us to get things a little more under control behind the scenes and giving our new management team of Silkmen legends, John Askey and Efe Sodje, a chance to pull together the squad you will see in the forthcoming fixtures. Their budget is extremely tight but you can be sure that they will both be working hard to ensure that we'll be getting real value for money.

I'd also like to thank the many local businesses that have also extended a helping hand, from SAS Daniels, whose help and advice continues to be critical and Richard Campey for ensuring that we'll have an excellent playing surface again this season, to the many local people, organisations and businesses who, simply by being both sympathetic and patient, often at significant cost to themselves, have given us the time and space we needed to set about building a new community-owned organisation.

The next few weeks will continue to be challenging, both on and off the pitch, as the task we've set ourselves is far from being complete but we're definitely moving in the right direction. There will inevitably be bumps on the road but with your support we believe we can establish a club that our local community can be proud to support.

Enjoy the games.

Barrie Darcey

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PEN PICS Rochdale



The French midfielder started his career at Paris St. Germain, before coming to England to join Sheffield Wednesday's Development Squad in June 2012. Aged 21, Bastien failed to make the breakthrough at Hillsborough and spent the closing weeks of last season training with the Dale squad.

MATTY DONE (Midfielder)

Matty is a left-sided midfielder who has returned to Scotland this season, signing a 12-month contract with the club. The 25-year-old originally played for Dale in League One in 2010/11, before opting to follow Keith Hill to Barnsley. Starting his career with Wrexham in 2004, Matty has also played league football for Hereford and Hibernian.

SCOTT TANSER (Defender)

Scott is a left-back who is in his first season as a professional after progressing through the ranks at Scotland. He has played once for the club so far.

GODWIN ABADAKI (Forward)

Godwin is a young forward who graduated from Dale's youth team to earn himself his first professional contract in the summer of 2011, signing a two-year deal at Scotland. He made his senior debut when coming on as a substitute in Dale's 0-0 draw at Tranmere in January 2012.

BRIAN BARRY-MURPHY (Midfielder)

Brian has become first team coach at Scotland this season, as well as retaining his registration as the club's senior outfield player. The 35-year-old became Keith Hill's first recruit in the summer of 2010 when he moved to Scotland after turning down a new deal at Bury. The Irishman had been with The Shakers since August 2004 after

released by Sheffield Wednesday.

BOBBY GRANT (Forward)

Bobby joined Dale from Scunthorpe for an undisclosed fee in August 2012, signing a two-year contract at Scotland. Bobby moved to Scunthorpe from Accrington in the summer of 2010 for a fee in excess of £200,000 after finishing the 09/10 season as their leading scorer with 18 goals in all competitions.

STEVE COLLIS (Goalkeeper)

A former Silkmen goalkeeper who initially joined Dale on non-contract terms in January 2013, before penning a two-year deal in the summer that also sees him double-up as the club's goalkeeping coach. Aged 32, Steve started his career at Barnet and also had spells with Nottingham Forest, Yeovil, Southend, Crewe, Torquay and Northampton before featuring for the Silkmen.

JAMIE ALLEN (Midfielder)

Jamie is in his first year as a professional at Scotland after being offered terms at the end of his scholarship in April 2013. The midfielder was captain of the club's

successful youth team last season.

MICHAEL ROSE (Defender)

Michael is a defender who joined Dale in February 2013 after being released by Colchester. The 31-year-old left-back came up through the Manchester United Academy before moving to Chester, Hereford, Yeovil, Cheltenham (loan) and Scunthorpe (loan), before linking up with Stockport in 2006. He went on to play over 100 games for County before spells with Norwich and Swindon before joining Colchester.

JOEL LOGAN (Midfielder)

Joel is an 18-year-old winger who made his senior debut in Dale's 3-1 defeat at Plymouth in October 2012 while still a member of the club's youth team.

D'ARCY O'CONNOR (Defender)

D'Arcy is a first-year professional who made his debut for Dale at home to Plymouth on the final day of last season.

JOE BUNNEY (Forward)

Joe is a young striker who joined Dale from Northwich Victoria in March 2013, signing a dual contract which allowed him to appear for both clubs before the end of last season. Scored the only goal of the final game of last season.

IAN HENDERSON (Forward)

Ian is a forward who joined Dale on a free transfer in February 2013 after being released by Colchester. Initially with Norwich, the 28-year-old made almost 80 first team appearances for The Canaries, before joining Northampton in July 2007 following a six-month loan spell at Rotherham. He went on to play for Luton and in Turkish football, prior to signing for Colchester in January 2010 and scored 26 times in 130 outings for United.





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NAMES AND GAMES Rochdale



Football historian **LEIGH EDWARDS** looks at Rochdale's leading lights

CLASSIC CAMPAIGN – 1968-69

Rochdale won promotion for the first time in their history in 1968-69. Summer signings included Joe Ashworth, Chris Harker, Vinny Leech, Colin Parry, Vince Radcliffe, Derek Ryder and Norman Whitehead, with Reg Jenkins scoring twice as Rochdale started with a 3-2 win over Scunthorpe. They drew ten of their next 12 Fourth Division matches and Len Richley replaced Carlisle-bound Bob Stokoe as manager, with Dale slamming six goals past the two Bradford clubs and Grimsby. Tony Buck arrived from Newport and Rochdale lost just once in 22 games, clinching third position with a 3-0 victory at home to Southend.

MANAGING TO SUCCEED

HARRY CATTERICK

Harry Catterick managed Rochdale into the newly formed Third Division in 1957-58. He was a centre-forward with Everton before becoming Crewe Alexandra's player-boss in December 1951. Appointed Rochdale's manager in June 1953, he remained in charge at Spotland until leaving in August 1958 to manage Sheffield Wednesday. He guided them to the Second Division title in 1958-59 and League Championship runners-up in 1960-61. Rejoining Everton as manager in April 1961, he led them to two League Championship triumphs and FA Cup success, then managed Preston. He died in March 1985.

FAB FOUR

DAVID CROSS

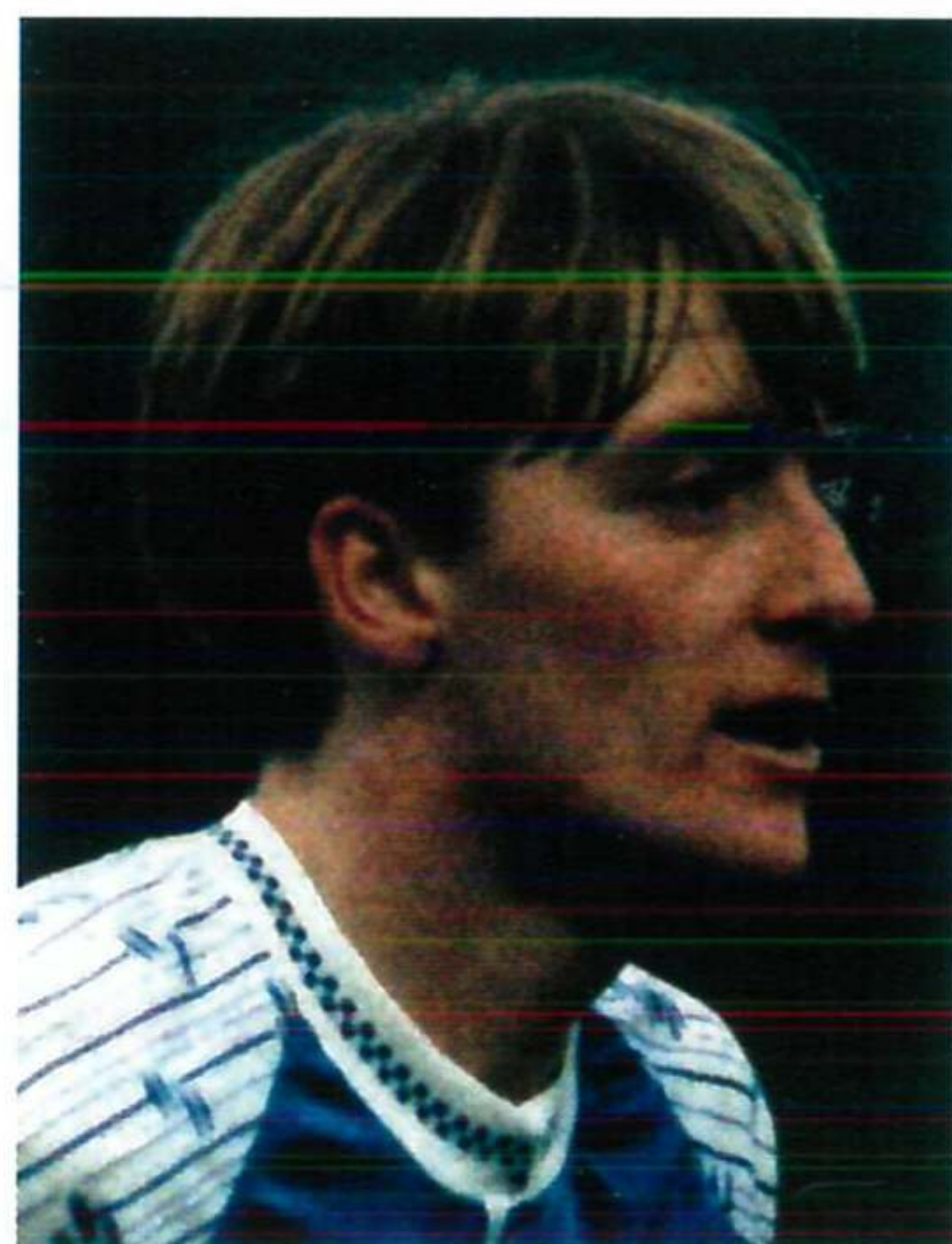
Striker David Cross scored in Rochdale's shock 1970-71 FA Cup third round win over top-flight Coventry City. Signing professional at Spotland in August 1969, he netted 20 goals in 59 League games for Rochdale before moving to Norwich City in October 1971. He inspired promotion and Cup success prior to joining Coventry City in November 1973, then moved via West Brom to West Ham in December 1977 where he spearheaded further promotion and Cup glory. Later with Manchester City, Oldham Athletic, Bolton Wanderers and Bury, he has since been a financial broker and Oldham's youth team boss, settling in Bury.

STAN MILBURN

Former England B international right-back Stan Milburn was an important figure as Rochdale reached the League Cup final in 1961-62. From a notable footballing family, including the Charlton brothers, he started with hometown Ashington before linking up with his older brother George at Chesterfield in January 1947. He moved to Leicester City in March 1952 and featured in their 1953-54 and 1956-57 Second Division title triumphs. Joining Rochdale in January 1959, he netted 26 goals in 237 League games before leaving Spotland in May 1965. He was a warehouseman for Turner Brothers in Rochdale and died in July 2010.

ALAN REEVES

Commanding central defender Alan Reeves was voted Rochdale's 'Player of the Year' in 1993-94. Initially at Heswall with his twin brother David, he moved to Norwich City in September 1988



and had a loan spell at Gillingham prior to joining Chester City in August 1989. He joined Rochdale in July 1991 and formed a notable partnership with Alex Jones, scoring nine times in 121 League games before being sold to Wimbledon for a then club record £300,000 in September 1994. Gaining top-flight experience, he joined Swindon Town in June 1998 and helped them qualify for the play-offs, becoming their assistant-manager.

GEOFF THOMAS

Influential midfielder Geoff Thomas was capped nine times by England after leaving Rochdale. Moving to Spotland from Littleborough in August 1982, he scored once in 11 League outings for Rochdale prior to joining Crewe Alexandra in March 1984. He impressed in the same side as David Platt before moving to Crystal Palace in June 1987, starring as they won promotion in 1988-89, were FA Cup finalists in 1990 and ZDS Cup winners in 1991. Sold to Wolves for £800,000 in June 1993, he joined Nottingham Forest in July 1997 and helped them win the First Division title in 1997-98, later playing for Barnsley and Notts County.

Bolton Players

PEN PICS

Bolton Wanderers Development Squad have, at the time of writing featured in two pre season clashes this campaign. First off they travelled to Skelmersdale United where they ran out 1-0 winners thanks to a penalty from Josh Vela early in the second half. The home side tested the Latics 'keeper Jay Lynch but were unable to make the breakthrough.

Bolton Wanderers: Lynch, White (Bolger, 82), Riley (Holding, 70), Threlkeld, Kellett, Vela (Kelly, 65), Fraser, Walker (Newby, 65), Odelusi, Youngs, Ferrier.

On Friday 19th they faced Chorley, and won the game 2-1 thanks to goals from Gary Fraser and Tom Youngs, both with long range efforts, either side of a Chorley equaliser.

Wanderers: Lynch, White, Kellett, Holding, Bolger, Gregus, Lester, Fraser, Ferrier, Wilkinson, Odelusi. **Subs:** Kelly, Bukran, Newby, Gibson, Youngs.

Bolton Wanderers Development Squad

JAY LYNCH

Position: Goalkeeper
Place Of Birth: Salford, England.

BEN DENNIS

Position: Defender
Place Of Birth: Wigan, England

BEN HAMPSON

Position: Defender
Place Of Birth: Preston, England

CHRIS LESTER

Position: Winger

Place Of Birth: Salford, England

DYLAN WOLSTENHOLME

Position: Midfielder
Place Of Birth: Manchester, England

ELLIOT NEWBY

Position: Midfielder
Place Of Birth: Barrow, England

GEORG ILIEV

Position: Striker
Place Of Birth: Sofia, Bulgaria

GLENN MATTHEWS

Position: Defender
Place Of Birth: Bolton, England

HARRY CAMPBELL

Position: Goalkeeper
Place Of Birth: Blackburn, England

JAMES BALL

Position: Defender/Striker
Place Of Birth: Bolton, England

JAMES KELLY

Position: Midfielder
Place Of Birth: Liverpool, England

JAN-OLE SIEVERS

Position: Goalkeeper
Place Of Birth: Karlsruhe, Germany

JORDAN HENDRIE

Position: Defender
Place Of Birth: Leeds, England

LEWIS FIELDING

Position: Goalkeeper
Place Of Birth: Manchester, England

LUKE WOODLAND

Position: Midfielder
Place Of Birth: Abu Dhabi, UAE

NIAL MAHER

Position: Defender/Midfielder
Place Of Birth: Manchester, England

OSCAR THRELKELD

Position: Defender
Place Of Birth: Bolton, England

ROB HOLDING

Position: Defender
Place Of Birth: Tameside, England

SAM BAILEY

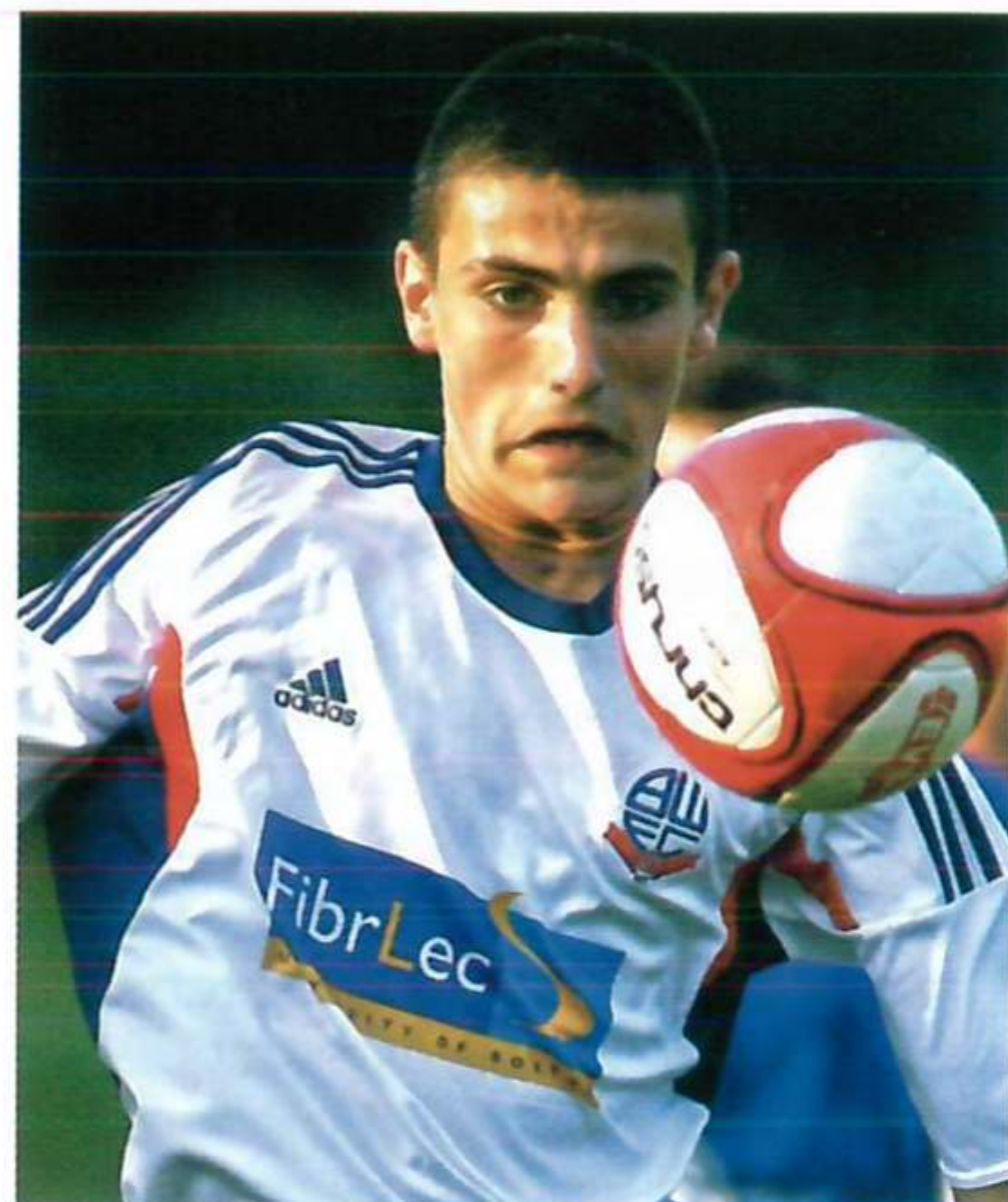
Position: Midfield
Place Of Birth: Lancaster, England

SAUL HAMER

Position: Striker

Place Of Birth: Preston, England

TOM WALKER



Position: Midfielder

Place Of Birth: Salford, England

TOM YOUNGS



Position: Striker

Place Of Birth: London, England

ZACH CLOUGH

Position: Striker
Place Of Birth: Manchester, England

MACCLESFIELD TOWN Community Sports Trust



holidays at Macclesfield College for youngsters who would like to play for our football team next season. If you have a child who would like to play and enjoy football next season (2013/14) with us at Macclesfield Town CST please contact Sam Moore (Manager) on 07788274960 or email sam.mtfc_cst@hotmail.com to find out more information and be invited to a taster session.

N.B: Players must be in year 4 at school during the 1st September 2013 – 31st August 2014

D.O.B must be between 01/09/04 to 31/08/05 for the 2013/14 season.

As a parent, having your child play for a junior football team requires a lot of commitment and dedication, therefore, we at Macclesfield Town CST want to make both parents and children aware of what playing for a our junior team will entail. Registering your child to play for the Moss Rose CST will include: -

1. Training sessions once a week at Macclesfield College during the playing season.
2. Match days on a Saturday (Kick-off 10:30am) both home & away.

Playing as part of a team during a season will not only allow children to develop their football skills but make life long friends and enjoy playing a sport that they love.

Your child can be part of presentation nights hosted at Macclesfield Town Football Club and be part of the match day experience at Macclesfield Town Football Club at the Moss Rose Ground.

We plan to make playing for the junior team very affordable so that all children have the opportunity to participate.

We look forward to a good 2013/14 season and hope to see you there.

Community Sports Trust Apprenticeship in Sport

The CST are once again offering the established Sports Apprenticeship programme to suitable 16-18 year olds.



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2013/14 Macclesfield

AUGUST

SAT 10 AUG 2013

Nuneaton Town K.O. 15:00 H

TUE 13 AUG 2013

Lincoln City K.O. 19:45 A

SAT 17 AUG 2013

Luton Town K.O. 15:00 A

SAT 24 AUG 2013

FC Halifax Town K.O. 15:00 H

MON 26 AUG 2013

Gateshead K.O. 15:00 A

SAT 31 AUG 2013

Braintree Town K.O. 15:00 H

SEPTEMBER

SAT 07 SEP 2013

Aldershot K.O. 15:00 A

SAT 14 SEP 2013

Alfreton Town K.O. 15:00 H

TUE 17 SEP 2013

Chester FC K.O. 19:45 A

SAT 21 SEP 2013

Woking K.O. 15:00 H

TUE 24 SEP 2013

Barnet K.O. 19:45 A

SAT 28 SEP 2013

Welling K.O. 15:00 H

OCTOBER

SAT 05 OCT 2013

Tamworth K.O. 15:00 A

TUE 08 OCT 2013

Hereford United K.O. 19:45 H

SAT 12 OCT 2013

Forest Green Rovers K.O. 15:00 A

SAT 19 OCT 2013

Southport K.O. 15:00 H

SAT 26 OCT 2013

FA Cup 4th Qualifying Round

NOVEMBER

SAT 02 NOV 2013

Wrexham K.O. 15:00 H

SAT 09 NOV 2013

Cambridge Utd K.O. 15:00 A

TUE 12 NOV 2013

Kidderminster Harriers K.O. 19:45 H

SAT 16 NOV 2013

Dartford K.O. 15:00 H

SAT 23 NOV 2013

Salisbury K.O. 15:00 A

SAT 30 NOV 2013

FA Trophy 1st Round Proper

DECEMBER

SAT 07 DEC 2013

Lincoln City K.O. 15:00 H

Old Town Fixtures

SAT 14 DEC 2013

Salisbury K.O. 15:00 H

SAT 21 DEC 2013

Braintree Town K.O. 15:00 A

THU 26 DEC 2013

Hyde United K.O. 15:00 H

SAT 28 DEC 2013

Grimsby Town K.O. 15:00 A

JANUARY

WED 01 JAN 2014

Hyde United K.O. 15:00 A

SAT 04 JAN 2014

Chester FC K.O. 15:00 H

SAT 11 JAN 2014

Luton Town K.O. 15:00 H

SAT 18 JAN 2014

Nuneaton Town K.O. 15:00 A

SAT 25 JAN 2014

Kidderminster Harriers K.O. 15:00 A

FEBRUARY

SAT 01 FEB 2014

Barnet K.O. 15:00 H

SAT 08 FEB 2014

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MARCH

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Welling United K.O. 15:00 A

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Grimsby Town K.O. 15:00 H

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JOSH LILLIS (Goalkeeper)

Josh signed a two-year deal at Spotland in May 2012 to start his third spell with the club. The goalkeeper first joined Dale on an emergency loan from Scunthorpe in October 2009, playing in a 4-0 win at Bournemouth, before returning to Spotland for the first half of the 2010/11 campaign. Aged 26, he also played on loan at Notts County and Grimsby during his time with The Iron.

JOE RAFFERTY (Defender)



Joe is a young full-back who moved to Spotland in July 2012 on a free transfer from Liverpool. The 19-year-old was the captain of Liverpool's U18 side in 2011/12, playing 26 out of 29 Academy games as The Reds finished third in the league table. He lost his place in the team as the season progressed, but returned for the final month of the campaign and impressed Keith Hill sufficiently to earn himself another year's contract at Spotland.

RHYS BENNETT (Defender)

Rhys moved to Spotland from Bolton in the summer of 2012 and scored last season's goal of the season with an amazing solo effort in the 2-3 home loss to York in December 2012. He missed the final six weeks of the season through an injury sustained in the loss at Bristol Rovers, but signed on for a further 12 months with Dale in the summer.

PETER CAVANAGH (Midfielder)

Peter was named captain at Rochdale in June 2012 after being released by Fleetwood. The experienced midfielder had spent many years playing under former Dale boss John Coleman at Accrington after his move to the Crown Ground from Liverpool in the summer of 2001, and played more than 200 league games for them in a successful eight-year career. The 31-year-old then spent two seasons at Fleetwood, whom he also helped to promotion to the Football League.

ASHLEY EASTHAM (Defender)

Ashley is a central defender who joined Dale in July 2013 after leaving Blackpool. Aged 22, he made three appearances for The Seaside, gaining experience on loan to Cheltenham midway through the 2009/10 campaign. Spells with Carlisle and Cheltenham again followed in 2010/11, before a season at Bury. Brief stints at Fleetwood and Notts County followed, before he returned to Bury for their hapless fight against relegation.

OLLY LANCASHIRE (Defender)

A central defender joined in July 2013 after leaving relegated Aldershot. He had captained The Southampton U18 side and turned professional in July 2006, making his senior debut against QPR in September 2008, and being sent off after half an hour. Olly had two loan spells at Grimsby in 2009/10 and, following his release by Southampton, joined Walsall, but was released in the summer of 2012 to join the Shots.

PETER VINCENTI (Midfielder)

Peter is midfielder who joined Dale on a two-year deal in July 2013 after leaving relegated Aldershot. The 27-year-old, who has represented Jersey, made Millwall his first league club in 2007/08, before joining Stevenage, with whom he won the FA Trophy in 2009 and the Blue Square Premier 12 months later. Scored Stevenage's first-ever Football League goal against Macclesfield on the opening day of the 2010/11 campaign and then had a loan spell at Mansfield, before moving to Aldershot in January 2011.

ANDREW TUTTE (Midfielder)

Andrew is a midfielder who initially signed a two-year contract with Dale in the summer of 2011, having previously played on loan with the club in the early months of the previous season. This deal has since been extended by a further two years. Andrew arrived at Spotland after being released by Manchester City, who also sent him out on loan to Shrewsbury and Yeovil in 2010/11.

GEORGE DONNELLY (Forward)

George is a striker who was Dale's first signing of the 2012/13 close season when he moved from Macclesfield



for an undisclosed fee. George first attracted attention when playing for Skelmersdale United where he scored 36 times in 45 games. A move to Plymouth followed in the summer of 2008 with loan spells at Luton and Stockport. He spent the first half of the 2010/11 season at Edgeley Park, netting eight times, before signing for Fleetwood in January 2011, before joining the Silkmen.

REECE GRAY (Forward)

Reece is a young striker who made his debut for Dale as a substitute against Burton in the final home game of the 2009/10 campaign. He also appeared off the bench in the match at Barnet a week later and went on to have a spell on loan at Hyde United. Unfortunately Reece missed most of last term after suffering a broken leg during pre-season, but he returned for the final two matches to help Dale to a top-half finish.

SCOTT HOGAN (Forward)

Scott is a forward who rejoined Dale in July having previously been a youth player with the club before being released in 2011. The 21-year-old, who can operate as a central striker or as a winger, went on to have spells at Halifax, Stocksbridge, Ashton United, Woodley Sports and Hyde after leaving Spotland.

MATTY LUND (Midfielder)

Matty joined Dale in July 2013 after being released by Premier League outfit Stoke City. Loan spells took the former Northern Ireland U21 international to Hereford, Oldham and Bristol Rovers (twice), but he ended last term on loan at Southend.

BASTIEN HERY (Midfielder)

MTFC Action From...



Action from
Congleton Town 2-1
Macclesfield Town



Congleton Town 2-1 Macclesfield Town

The Silkmen kicked off their pre-season campaign at a sweltering Congleton Town as John Askey cast his eye over a range of trialists and young players. But it was one of Silkmen's top stars who opened the scoring for the season as Jack Mackreth ran on to a through ball and slotted home under the advancing Congleton 'keeper in the first half. The second half saw more players given a run out, but it was the home side who ran out winners after two goal in quick succession in the second half. The Silkmen went close late on through Arthur Gnahoua, but he saw his late chance saved.

Silkmen: Adam Mills, Dan Cowan, Nathan Fox, Steve Williams, James Bolton, Jordan Hadfield (Tico Gavi-Mihedji), Jack Mackreth (Arthur Gnahoua), Alex Harvey (Jay Burgess), Michael Thomas, Scott Boden, Danny Rowe (Paul Lewis)

Leek Town 0-4 Macclesfield Town

The Silkmen's first victory of the pre-season campaign came at Leek Town the following Tuesday as the club's senior players took to the field for their first run-out of the season. With injuries to JP Kissock, Peter Winn and Carl Martin, there were still a number of trialists involved as Chris Holroyd won, and then converted a penalty to take the lead. It was Holroyd on the scoresheet again as he tapped home a Rowe cross from close range, before Joe Connor's low cross from the other flank saw Leek's Matt Bradbury putting through his own net on the stroke of half time. The second half saw the Silkmen making it 4-0 when Arthur Gnahoua's powerful show was blocked by the Leek 'keeper, but Jay Burgess reacted fastest to poke home.

Silkmen: Rhys Taylor, Joe Connor, Nathan Fox, Scott Kay (Paul Lewis), Steve Williams, Efe Sodje (James Bolton), Jack Mackreth (Tico Gavi-Mihedji), Michael Thomas (Alex-Rae Harvey), Chris Holroyd (Jay Burgess), Scott Boden (Odi Koubemba), Danny Rowe (Arthur Gnahoua)

SILKMEN Supporters Trust



Hello and a warm welcome to the Moss Rose for our pre-season series of home

games against Rochdale, Bolton Wanderers and Stoke City. On behalf of the Silkmen Supporters' Trust (SST) may I extend a warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters of all three clubs who have made the short journeys to be with us today.

It's been quite an active summer, with a lot going on. At the top of the list we are all delighted to see the return of John and Efe taking charge of the playing squad. Any fan who was at the recent Fans Forum will have been encouraged by their enthusiasm and their determination to keep the club in the Conference Premier, and build a stable foundation for the seasons ahead.

With the balance of the team returning to a more local based pool of players, we at the SST want everyone to relate to them, get behind the youngsters in particular, encourage them from the sidelines and give them confidence. John's strategy of ensuring that the players mix with the fans after the games is a really welcome move, which will greatly improve the bond between us all, bringing back that "Against All Odds" feeling around the Club.

Looking at matters off-the-pitch, you will recall, the SST, on your behalf, submitted a proposal to Cheshire East Council (CEC) suggesting the ground and stadium be listed as an "Asset of Community Value".

With the intervention of the CEC in the Club's affairs, it was apparent that it would be inappropriate for the Council to consider this SST proposal at the

same time as negotiating to acquire the freehold of the Moss Rose site from the Club. There were intense email exchanges between SST Board members and we agreed to withdraw our proposal in order to allow the urgent cash injection into the Club.

During the email exchanges with the CEC Leader, Michael Jones, he invited the SST Board to meet him at the Town Hall. We took up this opportunity and the Board descended on the Town Hall. We were treated to an in depth argument supporting the actions taken by the CEC during those small number of critical days only a few weeks ago now.

The Trust Board was delighted to have been recognised for the part it had played in facilitating the Council's actions. Councillor Jones expanded on CEC plans relating to the South Macclesfield Development Area including the options relating to development of a new home for the Silkmen.

Two initial exploratory meetings have taken place at the Club offices, with the Trust being accompanied by two officials from Supporters Direct, to begin the task of defining the governance of the Community Interest Company (CIC) that is expected to replace MTFC Ltd. These were very "early doors" discussions which were very wide ranging ... but it does seem as if there will be a Supporter Representative on the new governing structure of the Club.

These are difficult times for Macclesfield Town FC; if we all pull together alongside the Club's management team and staff; we believe that the Club can continue. Your help is absolutely vital so please support the SST in its efforts.

Time Added On ...

You can keep in touch with the Supporters' Trust by email on sstcomms@yahoo.co.uk and follow our Twitter messages @ [silkmensuptrust](#). We're also on Facebook too, so find us there, and give us a 'like'.

Don't forget to check out our website www.silkmensupporterstrust.com for more details about what we are up to. If you can volunteer any time to help the Club move forward, then please make direct contact with the Club Office.

Come on you Blues!

George

George Williams
Communications Officer
Silkmen Supporters' Trust

MTFC Pre-Season So Far



Kidsgrove Athletic 1-1 Macclesfield Town

Pre-season continued as another side of trialists and younger players faced off against a Kidsgrove side with a couple of familiar faces. Aiden Matrange and Matt Haddrell had both been on the books at the Moss Rose, and it was the latter who would eventually equalise for the home side. The Silkmen took the lead through a great strike from 18 yards from Arthur Gnahoua. Two more chances went close as trialist Odi Koubemba and youth team player Nathan Haynes shot wide before Matt Haddrell popped up at the back post to meet a cross and steer it past Adam Mills.

Silkmen: Mills, Bolton, Cowan, Fermino (Haynes), Whiteoak, Jacobs, Lewis, Koubemba, Burgess (Kehinde), Gnahoua (Clarke), Gavi-Mihedji (Swallow)



Oldham Athletic 4-1 Macclesfield Town

A highly competitive game against a strong Oldham side saw a real game of two halves as the Silkmen bettered their hosts for the opening 45 minutes. Scott Boden had already forced an excellent save by the home 'keeper before he took the lead for the Silkmen. Good work by Danny Rowe found the striker in the box, and he hit a shot which took a marginal deflection and flew in to the top corner. The pair almost combined again when Rowe charged down a loose ball and crossed to Boden in space, but it was cut out at the last second. The second half saw Oldham out of the blocks quickly, forcing the Silkmen into errors at the back. The first saw them winning a penalty which was powered into the bottom left corner before by Adam Rooney before Christian Montano raced away from the defence to score at the far post and make it 2-1. The third came after Gnahoua had forced another good save with a curling shot from 15 yards, as Montano seized on another mistake to poke the ball under Taylor. The fourth came as a debated free-kick was slammed against the bar, only to rebound in off the back of the diving 'keeper.

Silkmen: Taylor, Connor, Andrews, Sodje (Thomas), Williams, Barnett (Kay), Mackreth (Chalmers), Harvey (Fermino), Boden, Gnahoua, Rowe
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Under 18 side announced.

Over the past few months the Macclesfield Town Community Sports Trust (formerly the club's Football in the Community scheme) has been developing its fledgling Football Academy. The new Academy is funded by the Trust rather than the Club and this season will operate alongside the Club's existing Youth Development squad.

The new season will see the MTCST Academy, which is recognised by the Football Conference Trust compete in The Football Conference Youth Alliance (FCYA), The North West Youth Alliance Football League (NWYAFL) and The Lancashire FA U18 Floodlight League (LFA U18) as well as in the British College's League – National Colleges Football League (NCFL).

Academy manager Paul McGuire spent a busy week attending the leagues' AGMs where MTCST were successful in all aspects.

Paul said, "It was our intention from day one to provide the Academy with a comprehensive match day programme as this is where players really learn. The ideal scenario was to get accepted in to all 4 leagues and fortunately we did it".

"Our primary goal is to allow students to play competitively as they work on their academic courses. But we've recruited many players with ability and it would be great if they could be considered alongside the Club's youth development squad for a place in the first team squad. To achieve their best they need to play as much competitive football as possible. Being in these four leagues will allow that".

The Academy has a number of players from across the region, was there a method behind this?

"We lost the Centre of Excellence which I was a part of for 10 years and it was important to evolve. Having a larger group of young players to select from will hopefully help the club in the long run. We tried last year to set something up in Macclesfield but hit problems with respect to the facilities available. Our current base is in central Manchester which isn't ideal but affords us a greater catchment area with reduced barriers for young players to overcome (i.e. travel, costs etc).

How is this a new approach?

We have no limitations on number of players we can register or leagues we can enter. This is not without its challenges, but should offer the club more of a chance to develop student's skills".

Will the four highly competitive leagues be a challenge?

"Yes, for certain, especially as our lads will be a majority of 1st years straight out of high school with the vast majority of other teams being made up of older, more experienced players. We'll learn a great deal in the first year and the players will hopefully come on leaps and bounds in year two. Come year three we'd be hoping to be fully competitive in all the leagues".

Below is a preview of the teams that the u18's Academy players will be up against during the 2013/14 season.

The Football Conference Youth Alliance (2013/14 Season)

ALTRINCHAM F.C.

CREWE ALEXANDRA F.C.

HALIFAX TOWN F.C.

HYDE F.C.

GATESHEAD F.C.

FARSELY F.C.

GUISELEY F.C.

HARROGATE TOWN A.F.C.

MACCLESFIELD TOWN F.C.

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SOUTHPORT A.F.C.

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The North West Youth Alliance Football League (Premier Division) (2013/14 Season)

ABBEY HEY F.C.

ALTRINCHAM F.C.

ASHTON ATHLETIC F.C.

CHESTER YOUTH F.C.

CURZON ASHTON F.C.

HYDE F.C.

MACCLESFIELD TOWN F.C.

MORECAMBE F.C.

PRESCOT CABLES F.C.

SKELMERSDALE UNITED F.C.

WARRINGTON TOWN F.C.

WITTON ALBION F.C.

Look out for updates and fixtures in the coming weeks.

Under nine team.

Macclesfield Town CST (MTCST) is pleased to announce their newly formed Under 9's Junior Football Team called Moss Rose CST.

Macclesfield Town CST has created a new Under 9's junior football team called Moss Rose CST U9's JFC. The new Under 9's team will play in the Mid-Cheshire Youth Football League after being accepted into the league on Monday 24th June 2013 at their AGM in Northwich. We would like to thank Peaks & Plains Housing Trust & the Football Conference Trust for their support in projects such as Street Soccer which help provide youngsters with the opportunities to play sport.

The team will be made up of around 20 young players who will play in one of two 7v7-a-side matches every Saturday morning (between September 2013 – May 2014) for a 10:30am kick-off both home (at Macclesfield College) & away (at venues around East, West & Mid Cheshire).

MTCST will be hosting taster sessions during the summer

NAMES AND
GAMES

Bolton Wanderers



Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS looks at Bolton Wanderers' leading lights

CLASSIC CAMPAIGN – 1994-95

Bolton Wanderers won promotion and were League Cup finalists in 1994-95. New signings included Mixu Paatelainen, Fabian De Freitas and Richard Sneekes, with Bolton overcoming a poor start and remaining unbeaten in 26 successive home games. Bruce Rioch's side went top of the table in February after trouncing Charlton and Wolves 5-1. In the League Cup they defeated Ipswich 4-0, Sheffield United 2-1, West Ham 3-1, Norwich 1-0 and Swindon 4-3 before losing 2-1 to Liverpool in the final. Bolton qualified for the First Division play-offs in third place and defeated Reading 4-3 in their second Wembley final of the season.

MANAGING TO SUCCEED

SAM ALLARDYCE

Sam Allardyce managed Bolton Wanderers to the 2004 League Cup final. The central defender turned professional with Bolton in November 1971 and starred in their 1977-78 Second Division title triumph, moving to Sunderland in July 1980. Later playing for Millwall, Coventry, Huddersfield, Bolton again, Preston and West Brom, 'Big Sam' became Blackpool's boss in July 1994, then managed Notts County. He rejoined Bolton as manager in October 1999, guiding them back to the top-flight in 2000-01 and UEFA Cup qualification.

Leaving in May 2007, he has since managed Newcastle, Blackburn and now West Ham.

FAB FOUR

EDDIE HOPKINSON

England international goalkeeper Eddie Hopkinson holds Bolton Wanderers' appearance record. Initially an Oldham Athletic amateur, he turned professional at Burnden Park in November 1952 and made his First Division debut against Blackpool in August 1956. He starred as Bolton won the FA Cup in 1958 and finished fourth in the top-flight in 1958-59. Capped 14 times, he was ever-present in five seasons and played 519 League games for Bolton until injury forced his retirement in November 1969. He was briefly their assistant-trainer and had a testimonial in May 1971, residing in Royton until his death in April 2004.

PETER REID

England U-21 midfielder Peter Reid was ever-present as Bolton Wanderers were League Cup semi-finalists in 1976-77. Signing professional at Burnden Park in May 1974, he also starred as Bolton won the Second Division title in 1977-78 after successive promotion near-misses and netted 23 goals in 225 League games prior to joining Everton in December 1982. He starred as they won the League Championship twice, FA Cup and ECWC, gaining 13 full England caps before moving to QPR in February 1989. Later Manchester City's player-boss, he has since managed Sunderland, Leeds United, Coventry City and Plymouth Argyle.

NAT LOFTHOUSE

England international centre-forward Nat Lofthouse holds Bolton Wanderers' all-time goalscoring record. Signing professional at Burnden Park in August 1942, he starred in



wartime football, earning the tag 'Lion of Vienna' when he scored twice for England against Austria in May 1952. He was 'Footballer of the Year' when Bolton were FA Cup finalists in 1953 and captained their 1958 FA Cup final triumph. Capped 33 times, he represented the Football League and netted 255 goals in 452 League games until retiring in May 1961. He was Bolton's coach, then manager, chief scout and club president until his death in January 2011.

FRANK WORTHINGTON

England international striker Frank Worthington starred in Bolton Wanderers' 1977-78 Second Division title triumph. Initially with Huddersfield, he helped reach the League Cup semi-finals in 1967-68 and win the Second Division title in 1969-70. He joined Leicester City in August 1972, reuniting with Ian Greaves at Bolton for £90,000 in September 1977. Top scorer in 1978-79, he netted 35 goals in 85 League games before moving to Birmingham City for £150,000 in November 1979. He later played for Leeds United, Sunderland, Southampton, Brighton, Tranmere, Preston and Stockport. Now an after-dinner speaker.



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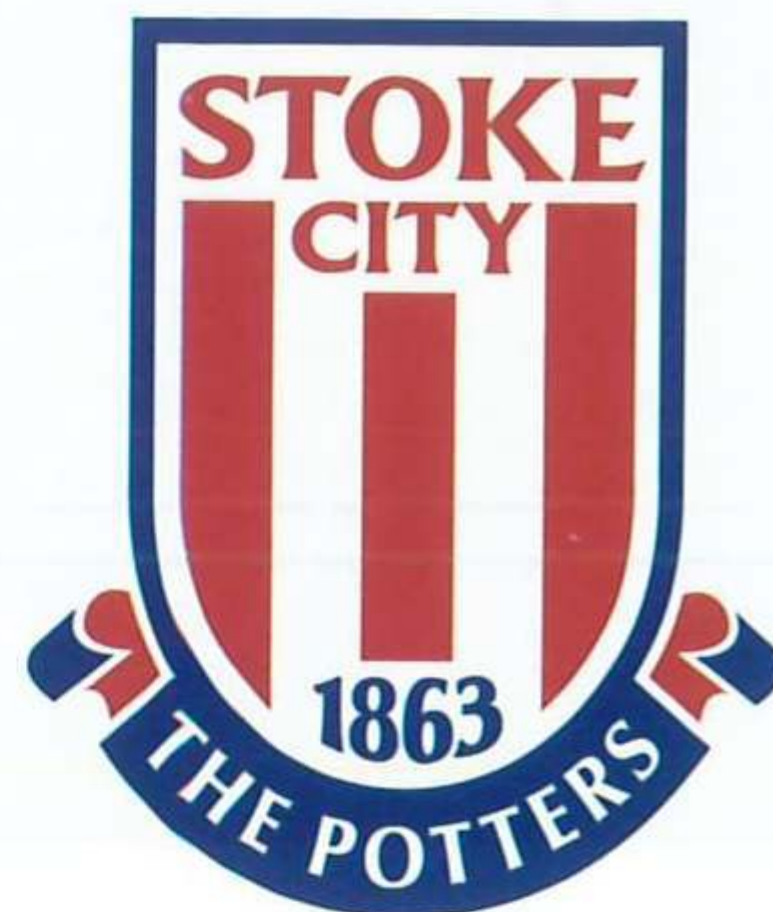
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PEN PICS City Players



Pictures by Phil Greig

Stoke City's Development Squad have played one match at the time of writing as they took on Conway Borough and were 3-1 winners thanks to goals from Jack Nardiello, James Alabi and Swedish trialist Victor Soderstrom.

Stoke City Development Squad

Daniel Bachmann



Position: Goalkeeper
Birthplace: Vienna, Austria
Previous Club: Austria Vienna

James Campbell

Position: Defender
Birthplace: Welwyn Garden City, England
Previous Club: Arsenal

Michael Clarkson

Position: Midfielder
Birthplace: Crewe, England
Previous Club: At Stoke since 12.

Lucas Dawson

Position: Midfielder

Birthplace: Stoke-on-Trent, England
Previous Club: At Stoke since 12.

Ben Glasgow



Position: Defender
Birthplace: London, England
Previous Club: Arsenal

Matt Gledhill

Position: Goalkeeper
Birthplace: Doncaster, England
Previous Club: Portsmouth

Jadan Hall

Position: Midfielder
Birthplace: Manchester, England
Previous Club: Blackburn Rovers

Ben Heneghan

Position: Defender
Birthplace: Manchester, England
Previous Club: Everton

Jordan Keane

Position: Defender
Birthplace: Nottingham, England
Previous Club: Wolves

Andrew Musungu

Position: Midfielder
Birthplace: Lewisham, England
Previous Club: Chelsea

Immanuel Parry

Position: Defender
Birthplace: London, England
Previous Club: Millwall

Jordan Richardson



Position: Midfielder
Birthplace: Liverpool, England
Previous Club: Blackburn Rovers

George Rigg

Position: Defender/Midfielder
Birthplace: Bristol, England
Previous Club: Bristol City

Karim Rossi

Position: Striker
Birthplace: Zurich, Switzerland
Previous Club: Grasshoppers

Adam Thomas

Position: Midfielder/Striker
Birthplace: Liverpool, England
Previous Club: Everton

Sam Westley

Position: Defender
Birthplace: Luton, England
Previous Club: Birmingham City

James Alabi

Position: Striker
Birthplace: London, England
Previous Club: Celtic

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Stoke City

NAMES AND
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Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS looks at Stoke City's leading lights

CLASSIC CAMPAIGN – 1971-72

Tony Waddington guided Stoke City to League Cup final glory in 1972. The Potters beat Southport 2-1, Oxford United 2-0, Manchester United 2-1, Bristol Rovers 4-2 and West Ham 3-2 after a marathon semi-final. Goals by Terry Conroy and George Eastham secured a 2-1 victory over Chelsea in the Wembley final: Gordon Banks, Jackie Marsh, Mike Pejic, Mike Bernard, Denis Smith, Alan Bloor, Terry Conroy, Jimmy Greenhoff (John Mahoney), John Ritchie, Peter Dobing, George Eastham. Top-flight results were disappointing but Stoke were unlucky to lose 2-1 to holders Arsenal in the FA Cup semi-final replay.

MANAGING TO SUCCEED

TONY WADDINGTON

Long-serving manager Tony Waddington plotted Stoke City's 1972 League Cup final triumph. A former Crewe Alexandra right-half, he joined Stoke as a coach in July 1952, then was their assistant-boss before becoming manager in June 1960. He guided the Potters to the Second Division title in 1962-63, the League Cup final in 1964 and two consecutive FA Cup semi-finals. Stoke also qualified for the UEFA Cup on two occasions and lifted the Watney Cup in 1973. He remained in charge until March 1977 and returned to Crewe as manager from June 1979 until July 1981, residing locally until his death in January 1994.

FAB FOUR

GORDON BANKS

Widely regarded as the greatest goalkeeper of all time, Gordon Banks gained a club record 36 England caps while at Stoke City. Initially with Chesterfield, he moved to Leicester City in May 1959 and featured in two FA Cup finals as well as their 1964 League Cup final success. He starred in England's 1966 World Cup final triumph and joined Stoke in April 1967. Voted 'Footballer of the Year' as Stoke won the League Cup in 1972, he made 194 First Division appearances until an eye injury sustained in a car crash ended his top-flight career in October 1972. He later managed Telford United and now works in corporate hospitality.

DENIS SMITH

Long-serving central defender Denis Smith was an influential figure in Stoke City's 1972 League Cup final success. Born locally, he turned professional with Stoke in September 1966 and made his First Division debut in their 1-0 defeat at Arsenal two years later. He starred alongside Alan Bloor as the Potters were FA Cup semi-finalists in two consecutive seasons and overcame a series of injuries to help regain top-flight status in 1978-79. Scoring 29 goals in 407 League games for Stoke, he became York City's player-boss in May 1982 and subsequently managed Sunderland, Bristol City, Oxford United, West Brom and Wrexham.

STANLEY MATTHEWS

Legendary England international winger Stanley Matthews had two spells with Stoke City. Born locally, he turned professional with Stoke in February 1932 and featured in the 1932-33 Second



Division title triumph. He gained the first 18 of his 54 caps before moving to Blackpool in May 1947 and featured in three FA Cup finals including the 1953 Wembley success dubbed the 'Matthews' final. Rejoining Stoke in October 1961, he inspired the 1962-63 Second Division title triumph and netted 54 goals in 318 League games overall for the Potters. Knighted in 1965, Sir Stan later managed Port Vale and died in February 2000.

JIMMY GREENHOFF

England U-23 international Jimmy Greenhoff starred in Stoke City's 1972 League Cup final success. Signing professional for Leeds United in August 1963, he featured in their 1968 League Cup and Fairs Cup final triumphs and moved to Birmingham City in August 1968. Tony Waddington signed him in August 1969 and he helped Stoke to reach two consecutive FA Cup semi-finals, netting 76 goals in 274 First Division games before joining Manchester United in November 1976. He was an FA Cup winner that season, then played for Crewe, Port Vale and Rochdale. Later an insurance broker, he died in June 2013.

As with any pre-season, the Silkmen have seen a raft of trialists making appearances for the club over the previous games.



Steve Williams

Here is a rundown of who has featured so far for the Silkmen – who may be in action in these three home games, and may even have signed by the time you read this.

Danny Andrew - Full back formerly of Peterborough and more than 50 appearances in the League with Cheltenham who has also had spells with Tamworth and Kidderminster.

Charlie Barnett - Midfielder who won the FA Youth Cup with Liverpool and has since played for Tranmere Rovers and Accrington where he has made more than 100 appearances.

Scott Boden – Former Sheffield United youngster who played more than 100 games for Chesterfield, helping them to promotion to League One in 2010/11 and winning the JPT the following season. Had a spell on loan with the Silkmen that season, and netted four in a Cheshire Senior Cup game against Witton. Spent time at Alfreton on loan last season.

Lewis Chalmers –Formerly of Altrincham and Aldershot, the midfielder was with the Silkmen between 2010 and 2012 making more than 50 appearances for the club and has since been with FCUnited, Radcliffe Borough and Droylsden.

Enes Fermino - Midfielder who was with the Silkmen last season after plying his trade in the Swiss league, and gaining Europa League experience.

Nathan Fox – A defender/midfielder who came through Notts County's youth system, playing once for the club, and was with Corby Town last season.

Tico Gavi-Mihedji - Defender or midfielder who was at Manchester United as a youngster before moving to Stockport County's youth system. Has played in non-League for Hendon, Aylesbury and Stockport Sports.

Jordan Hadfield – Former Stockport youth player who joined Macc in 2005 and played more than 50 League games. Followed Paul Ince to MK Dons and helped them to promotion from League Two. Has since played for Ashton, Kettering and Radcliffe before a return to Ashton United last season.

Alex-Ray Harvey – Formerly of Burnley, the midfielder had two spells on loan at Fleetwood at the club before joining Barrow on loan in the second half of the 2-11/12 season. Joined Barrow permanently last summer and scored twice in 30 League appearances – including the winner against the Silkmen at Holker St.

Jake Jacobs - Midfielder/full back who has played in the USA.

Scott Kay – Another former Macc midfielder. Came through the ranks at Manchester City before joining the



Nathan Fox

MTFC Macc Trialists



Danny Andrew

Silkmen in 2011, but suffering an injury hit season. Spent last season at Huddersfield and on loan at Southport.

Sam Kehinde - Attacker who was with Maltese side Mosta last season.

Danny Rowe - A midfielder who was at Barrow last season after joining from Stockport County the previous summer. Gaining both League One and League Two experience with County as well as being a regular in their first season in the Conference, he joined Barrow in the summer, scoring seven from midfield in 43 appearances.

Michael Thomas - A midfielder who came through the Silkmen's youth setup to make his debut in 2009. He went on to play 10 games for the Silkmen as well as loan spells with Mossley and Leek before his release in the summer of 2012. He has since played for Colwyn Bay and Leek.

Steve Williams - Central defender who was previously with Bradford City where he played almost 80 times for the club in all competitions. Spent time on loan in the SPL with Inverness Caledonian Thistle in the 2011/12 season where he played alongside Ross Draper before a short spell with Barrow.



Gavi Mihedji



Pre-Season

MACCLESFIELD TOWN

Manager John Askey

Craig Braham-Barrett (on loan
at Cheltenham)

James Bolton

Jay Burgess

Joe Connor

Arthur Gnahoua

Josh Green

Chris Holroyd

John Paul Kissock

Paul Lewis

Jack Mackreth

Carl Martin

Andrew Mills

Efetobore Sodge

Rhys Taylor

Peter Winn

MACCLESFIELD TOWN v NUNEATON TOWN

Saturday

August 10th

Kick Off - 3.00pm

ROCHDALE AFC

Tuesday July 23rd - 7.45pm

Manager Keith Hill

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| 1 | Josh Lillis (GK) |
| 2 | Joe Rafferty |
| 3 | Rhys Bennett |
| 4 | Peter Cavanagh |
| 5 | Ashley Eastham |
| 6 | Olly Lancashire |
| 7 | Peter Vincenti |
| 8 | Andrew Tutte |
| 9 | George Donnelly |
| 10 | Reece Gray |
| 11 | Scott Hogan |
| 12 | Matthew Lund |
| 14 | Bastien Hery |
| 16 | Matty Done |
| 17 | Scott Tanser |
| 18 | Godwin Abadaki |
| 20 | Brian Barry-Murphy |
| 22 | Bobby Grant |
| 23 | Steve Collis (GK) |
| 24 | Jamie Allen |
| 25 | Michael Rose |
| 26 | Joel Logan |
| 27 | D'Arcy O'Connor |
| 39 | Joe Bunney |
| 40 | Ian Henderson |

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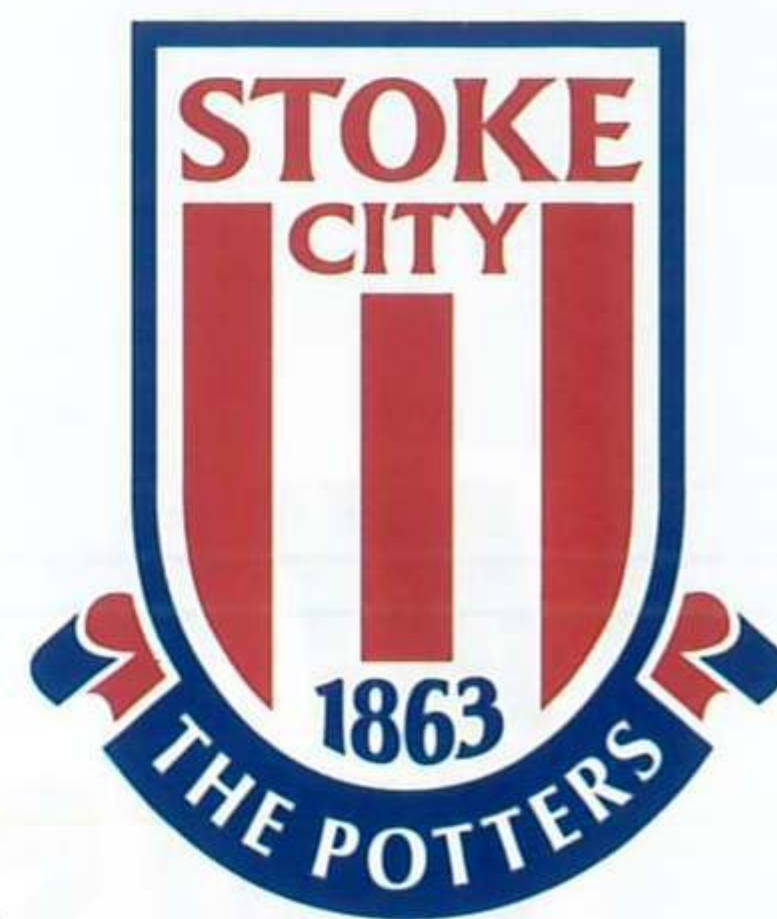
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4th Official Paul Philbin

on Squads



BOLTON WANDERERS

Tuesday July 30th – 7.45pm

Manager Dougie Freedman

Ben Dennis
Ben Hampson
Chris Lester
Dylan Wolstenholme
Elliot Newby
Georg Iliev
Jay Lynch
Glenn Matthews
Harry Campbell
James Ball
James Kelly
Jan-Ole Sievers
Jordan Hendrie
Lewis Fielding
Luke Woodland
Niall Maher
Oscar Threlkeld
Rob Holding
Sam Bailey
Saul Hamer
Tom Walker
Tom Youngs
Zach Clough

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Assistant Tom Kirk
4th Official Andy Gallagher

STOKE CITY

Saturday August 3rd – 3.00pm

Manager Mark Hughes

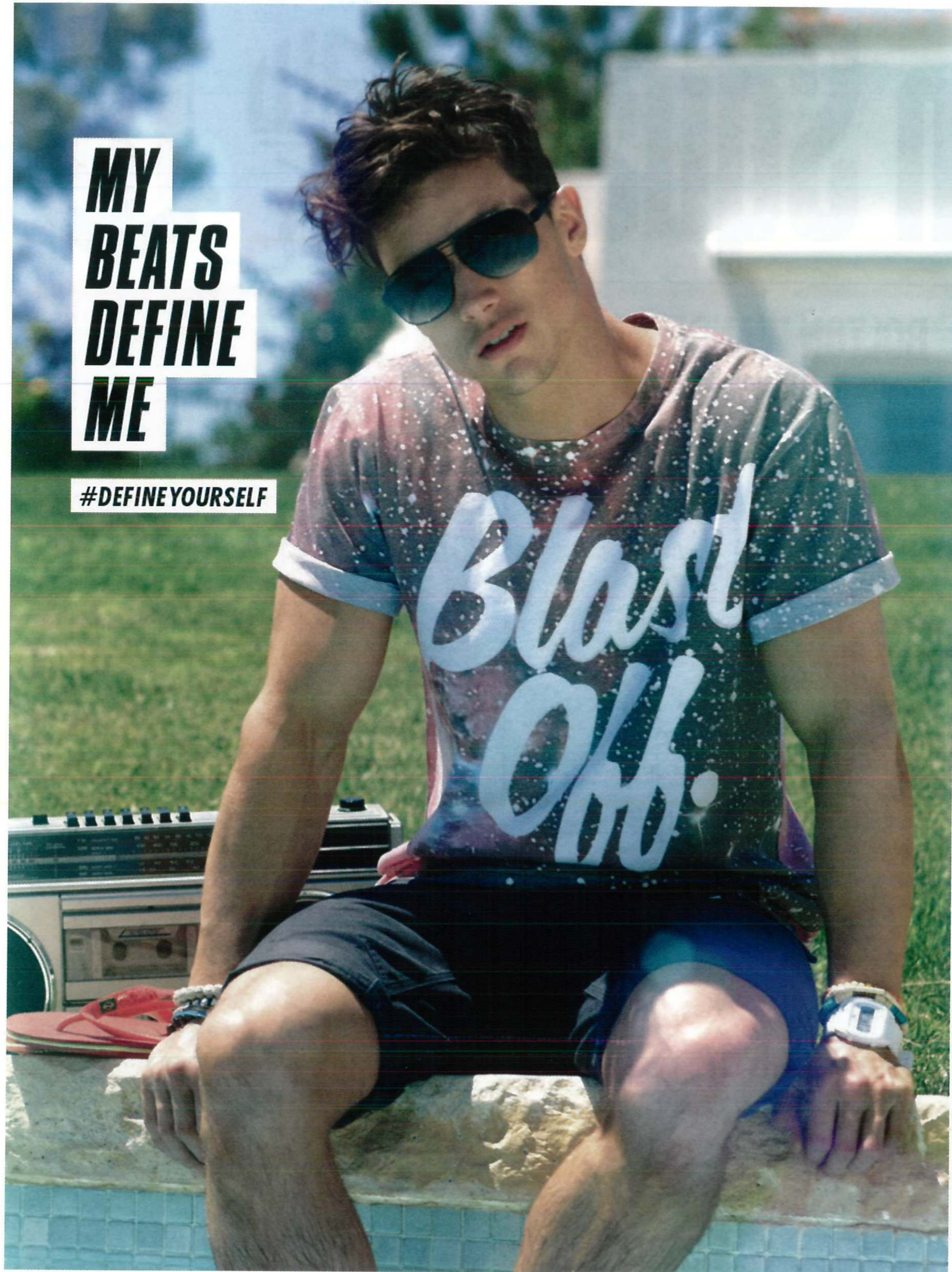
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Immanuel Parry
Jordan Richardson
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Karim Rossi
Adam Thomas
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